

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: History of Flagstaff Youth Commission

The Flagstaff Youth Commission was established by Ordinance No. 1694, adopted on May 7, 1991. The Commission was composed of eleven (11) members who were to be representative of the diversity of the youth of the community and were residents of the City, according to the following:

- 2 representatives from each high school
- 1 representative from each junior high school
- 2 at-large members between the ages of 12-18 who do not attend one of the above schools
- 1 member of the Flagstaff City Council

The members served two-year terms and the Commission met at least once a month during the school year. The commission stayed in place until 2009, when under the recommendation of the remaining members of the Flagstaff Youth Commission, the ordinance establishing the commission was repealed on November 3, 2009, through Ord. 2009-14.

The following recitals contained in the final ordinance help explain the reason for such a recommendation:

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission is limited in its membership and scope by procedural requirements, such as the quorum requirement, the requirement that members reside within the City, and the small number of participants currently permitted on the Youth Commission; and

WHEREAS, to address these issues, the Youth Commission has recommended that a Youth Advisory Committee be created under different procedural rules to be advisory to the Community enrichment Services Director, as well as making periodic reports to the Flagstaff Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

In searching past minutes, I could not find that the Youth Advisory Council (Committee) made any type of presentation to the Council. Today I reviewed two binders located in the Recreation Office, hoping to find additional information. However, these binders included copies of agendas/minutes of the Youth Commission and then a few agendas for the Flagstaff Youth Advisory Council. It appears that the last activity of the Advisory Council was a Youth Town Hall held on March 31, 2010.